

Summary

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(2) Mr. John S. Mortimer

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Date of Interview Apr 11, 2002

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed amended claim 1 as attached.

Identification of prior art discussed:
Chen et al.; Japanese Patent Application Publication
No. 10-85729.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Mortimer argued that the references of record do not suggest the filter of amended claim 1. No agreements were reached. A showing may be made that the recited range of 1.1-2.3 g/min is critical.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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1. A filter for removing contaminants from water, said filter comprising:
a first porous filter part formed by setting an active carbon in a high-molecular low-melt index polymeric binder;
the first porous filter part having a peripheral surface,
the polymeric binder comprising a porous polymer with a melt index of from 1.1 - 2.3 g/10 min (ASTM D1238, 190°C, 15 kg Load).
an inlet for directing water to be filtered to the first porous filter part[,] by passage through the peripheral surface of the first porous filter part; and
a second fibrous filter part comprising a hollow yarn membrane; and
an outlet for directing water filtered by passage through the first porous filter part and the second fibrous filter part to a point of use.

6. The filter for removing contaminants from water according to claim 2 further comprising a peripheral filtering layer around the peripheral surface of the first porous filter part through which water to be filtered is passed in moving toward the first porous filter part.